

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

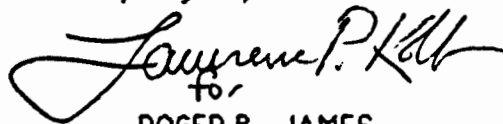
RESOLUTION 88- 088 :

CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR SELECTED WATER RECLAMATION PROJECTS
DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

- I. WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 13260(a) requires that any person discharging wastes or proposing to discharge wastes within the Region, other than to a community sewer system, that could affect the quality of the waters of the State, shall file a report of waste discharge; and
- II. WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter Board), has a statutory obligation to prescribe waste discharge requirements for waste discharges except where a waiver is not against the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269; and
- III. WHEREAS, waiving requirements for certain specific types of waste discharge is not against the public interest if these projects can otherwise be adequately regulated and because it avoids unnecessary expenditures of Board resources; and
- IV. WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution 83-3, *Waiving Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge* on April 20, 1983; and
- V. WHEREAS, water reclamation projects are not types of projects waived under Resolution 83-3; and
- VI. WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 13512 declares it is the intention of the Legislature that the State undertake all possible steps to encourage development of water reclamation facilities so that reclaimed water may be made available to help meet the growing water demands of the State; and
- VII. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13521 of the Water Code, the Department of Health Services (DOHS) has established statewide reclamation criteria (set forth in the California Administrative Code, Title 22, Sections 60301- 60355) to assure health protection; and
- VIII. WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 13523 the Board, after consulting with and receiving recommendations of DOHS, prescribes water reclamation requirements for water which is used or proposed to be used as reclaimed water; and
- IX. WHEREAS, many of the water reclamation projects in the Bay Region are required and regulated as a seasonal land disposal project to comply with Basin Plan discharge Prohibition 1 (10:1 discharge dilution requirement); and

- X. WHEREAS, the State of California is entering a period of low water supply due to drought conditions; and
- XI. WHEREAS, this action is being taken by the Board for the protection of natural resources, and involves no significant effect on the environment, and is thus categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Title 14, California Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 15307; and
- XII. WHEREAS, the Board on May 18, 1988, held a hearing in Oakland, California, and considered all evidence concerning this matter:
- XIII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, authorizes the Executive Officer, upon receipt and review of an *Application For Conditional Waiver for Use of Reclaimed Wastewater*, to issue conditional waivers to new or expanded reclamation projects which reuse wastewater for a beneficial use and results in the conservation of potable and/or groundwaters.
- XIV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to issuance of a waiver the discharger must provide sufficient assurances that the reclaimed water will meet water reclamation criteria established by the Board and State Department of Health Services.
- XV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each reclamation project will be brought back to the Board for issuance of Water Reclamation Requirements at the earliest possible date.
- XVI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any waiver granted pursuant to this resolution is conditional and may be terminated by the Executive Officer at any time for violation of the conditions cited above.

I, ROGER B. JAMES, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on May 18, 1988



for
ROGER B. JAMES
Executive Officer